

Character Essay Peer Review

Reviewer's Name: _____ Reviewing Who? _____

STEP 1: BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Creative title? Does the title hint at the topic or give it away too soon?	HINTS	GIVES AWAY
5 paragraphs?	YES	NO

STEP 2: READ THE INTRODUCTION

How interesting is the hook?	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVED
Is there a transition sentence between the hook and the background?			YES NO
Does the introduction name the author (full name) and story title (in quotation marks)?			YES NO
Does the thesis contain a clear topic, make an argument, and include 3 character traits?			YES NO

Circle exactly *TWO* words from the list below that best describe this introduction.

Interesting	Plain	Clear	Repetitive	Basic	Concise	Insufficient
Dull	Vivid	Confusing	Original	Descriptive	Rambling	Effective

STEP 3: READ THE BODY PARAGRAPHS

Does each body paragraph contain 2 distinct proofs (A-E-C) both related to the topic?	YES	NO
Are transition words/phrases between pairs of proofs? Circle or highlight the transitions.	YES	NO
Are all quotes blended into the writer's own sentences? (No dropped quotes!)	YES	NO

STEP 4: READ THE CONCLUSION

First, go back and read the thesis statement in the introduction. Then, read the conclusion.

Does the first sentence restate the thesis without sounding too repetitive or similar?	YES	NO
Does the conclusion include a summary and a broader application?	YES	NO
Does the clincher remind you of the hook and wrap up the essay?	YES	NO

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STEP 5: OVERALL IMPRESSION

The essay contains literary analysis. It is not a book report.	YES	MOSTLY	NO
Do you feel the writer proved his/her thesis?	YES	MOSTLY	NO

Circle *TWO* of the style elements below that the writer needs to improve the most.

Strong Verbs	Specific Nouns	Descriptive Adj/Adv	Third Person Voice
Sentence Openers	Transitions	Reduce "Be" Verbs	Awkward/Vague Wording
Grammar	Punctuation	Blended Quotes	In-Text Citations

While you are waiting for others to finish, pinpoint 1 item to compliment and 2 items to critique during your conference together. Jot notes on the back to remind yourself of what you want to say. Then, re-read the essay and mark all grammatical errors and MLA-formatting errors that you can find.